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## **FORMER AIRPORT SCREENER PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Raytown, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to receiving and possessing child pornography.

**Jeffrey Allen Devono**, 29, of Raytown, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to both counts of an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 10, 2004. **Devono** was formerly employed by Firstline Transportation Services as an airport screener at Kansas City International Airport.

By pleading guilty, **Devono** admitted that he received child pornography via the Internet between March 1, 2003, and Oct. 1, 2003.

**Devono** also admitted that he was in possession of one or more computer files which contained child pornography.

Under federal statutes, **Devono** could be subject to a sentence of up to 25 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$500,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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